TESCO

Upright Vacuum Cleaner

VCU10P

USER GUIDE

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, or injury:

- Read all the instructions carefully before using your appliance and keep them for future reference. If you pass the product on to a third party, include this manual.
- Unplug the appliance from the mains supply when not in use, removing or attaching filters, accessories, the dust cup and before cleaning any part of the appliance.
- When unplugging, hold the plug top, not the power cord.
- Do not immerse the body of the cleaner or the electrical cord or plug in water or liquids.
- Never leave the cleaner unattended when it is connected to the electricity supply.
- Do not use outdoors in damp or wet weather
- Do not use your appliance indoors in damp or wet conditions.
- Do not use attachments or accessories not recommended by the manufacturer.
- Close supervision is necessary when an appliance is used near children. Children should not operate this appliance.
- This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
- Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.
- This appliance is for household use. Do not use for any purpose not expressly specified in this manual.
- There are no user serviceable parts in this appliance. Unauthorised dismantling or servicing will void the warranty.
- If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer or its service agent or a similarly qualified person in order to avoid a hazard
- Refer all servicing which involves the taking or putting on of parts (other than those specifically referred to in this manual), to a qualified repair person or approved service centre.
- Do not use attachments or accessories which are not recommended by the manufacturer. They may cause malfunction or injury.
- Do not use harsh abrasives, or caustic cleaners when cleaning this appliance.
- Store the appliance away from direct sunlight, with all accessories detached and out of the reach of children.

Electrical Information

Before using this appliance ensure that the voltage of your electricity supply is the same as that indicated on the rating plate of the appliance.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model:	VCU10P
Voltage:	220-240 V AC 50Hz
Power:	1800W (max) 1600W (nom)
Net Weight:	7.5 kg

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Class II construction double insulated. This product must not be connected to earth.

When operating your cleaner:

- **Do NOT** use the vacuum cleaner if it has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water.
- **Do NOT** pull or carry the cleaner by the cord, close a door on the cord, or pull the cord around sharp edges or corners.
- Use the handle to carry and move the cleaner.
- **Do NOT** run the appliance over the power cord.
- **Do NOT** handle the mains plug or cleaner with wet hands.
- **Do NOT** use the vacuum cleaner to pick up large objects or objects that are likely to damage the vacuum cleaner.
- **Do NOT** attempt to vacuum long hair, string, pieces of cloth, etc. when vacuuming carpets or floors. These may clog the vacuum cleaner.
- Keep hair, loose clothing, jewellery, fingers, feet and all parts of your body away from openings and moving parts.
- **Do NOT** vacuum hot items; e.g. cigarettes, matches, ashes.
- **Do NOT** vacuum hard or metal objects, nails pins, etc.
- **Do NOT** pick up toxic, or flammable materials or use in the presence of explosive or toxic dust, liquids or vapour.
- **Use only on dry, indoor surfaces.**
- **Do NOT** put any objects into openings.
- **Do NOT** use with any filters blocked.
- **Do NOT** use without all the filters in place.
- Before use check that the dust cup is empty and empty it frequently during use.
- Switch the cleaner off before plugging or unplugging the vacuum cleaner into the mains supply.
- Use extra care when vacuuming on stairs.
- **Keep all vents openings and attachments free of dust, lint, hair and anything else that may reduce air flow.**
- Keep the end of the hose and all attachments away from your face and body.
- If the appliance becomes clogged, switch off and unplug the power cord **before** clearing the obstruction.
- **NEVER** leave the cleaner unattended while it is plugged into the mains

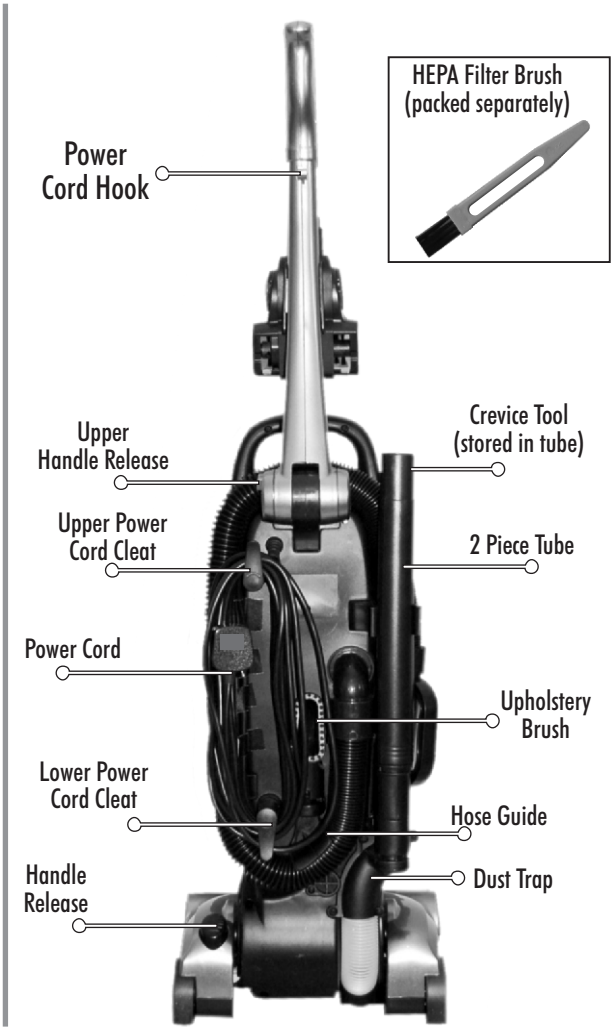
IMPORTANT NOTICE - PLEASE READ BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT!

THIS CLEANER WORKS BY SUCKING AIR AT HIGH PRESSURE THROUGH A POWERFUL MOTOR. FOR EFFICIENT AND SAFE OPERATION IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL THE AIRWAYS AND FILTERS ARE CLEANED AT REGULAR INTERVALS AND THAT THE DUST IS EMPTIED **BEFORE** THE DUST CUP IS FULL. DO NOT USE THE CLEANER WHEN THE DUST BAG FULL INDICATOR IS ON.

FAILURE TO CLEAN THE FILTERS AND EMPTY THE DUST CUP IN GOOD TIME WILL RESTRICT THE AIRFLOW AND RESULT IN POOR CLEANER PERFORMANCE.

LONG TERM NEGLECT WILL BLOCK THE AIRFLOW AND MAY DAMAGE THE CLEANER BEYOND REPAIR. DAMAGE CAUSED BY FAILURE TO REPLACE THE DUST CUP AND TO CLEAN THE FILTERS, AND AIRWAYS AS SPECIFIED IN THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL NOT BE COVERED BY THE WARRANTY.

Your Vacuum Cleaner and its accessories.



Unpacking and Assembly

Unpack the appliance and accessories. Retain the packaging. If you dispose of it, do so obey recycling regulations. Identify the cleaner components from the illustrations. If items are missing or damaged, contact your nearest Tesco store for assistance. Please have your receipt ready when you call.

1. Press the upper handle release and raise the handle vertically until it clicks into place.

2. Assemble the two piece tube and crevice tool as shown. Insert this into the rear retaining boss.

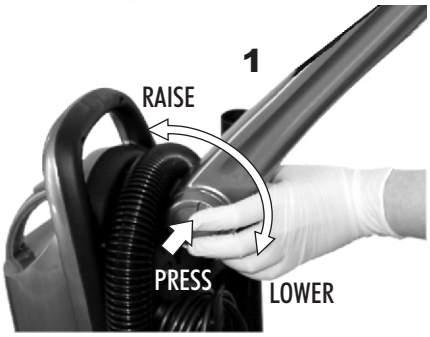
3. Press the release at the top of the Dust Cup and lift the dust cup out slightly. Replace the cup and ensure it clicks firmly into position.

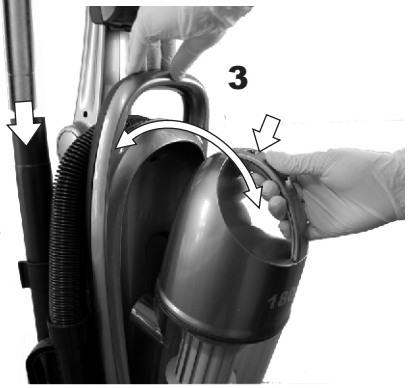
4: The Turbo brush is in a holder. Clip this holder onto the handle ensuring the slots in the holder latch firmly onto the raised bosses in the handle.

5. Coil the hose around the cleaner as shown in the top RH picture and insert the hose handle into the front retaining boss.

5. Raise both the Upper and Lower Power Cord cleats vertical and coil the cable round the cleats.

Your cleaner is now ready for use.





Using your Vacuum Cleaner

Vacuuming Carpets and Hard Floors

Set the vacuuming height before commencing cleaning. Always check the carpet or floor covering manufacturer's recommended cleaning instructions before vacuuming.

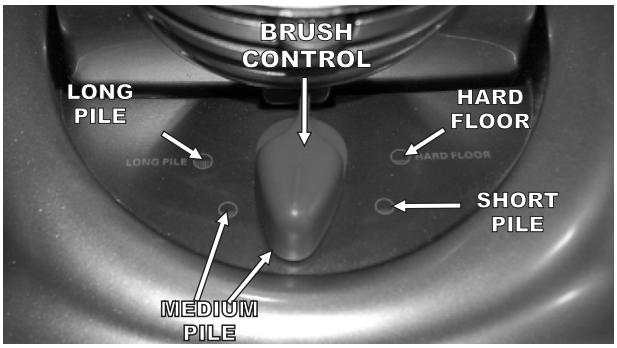
CAUTION: Setting the vacuuming height should only be done when the cleaner is switched off at the mains.

Stand the cleaner fully upright.

Turn the carpet height adjustment knob to the desired setting.

Suggested Pile Height Settings: You may need to raise the brush height for easier access to scatter rugs, etc.

- Long pile, deep scatter rugs.
- Medium to long pile.
- Short to medium pile.
- Short pile.
- Hard floors.



CAUTION. ***Do not attempt to vacuum rubber bands, long hair, string, pieces of cloth, etc. These will snag in the bristles and may even stop the brush rotating altogether.***

If this happens, switch the cleaner off ***immediately.*** Invert the cleaner and completely remove all obstructions from the brush before switching the cleaner on again.

Operating the Cleaner

Before using your cleaner: Set the cleaner fully upright.

Slide the Mains ON/OFF switch on the cleaner handle ***up*** to switch the cleaner **OFF**.

Turn the quick release cord holders through 180° and release the power cord.

For greater convenience, both upper and lower cord holders are quick release.

Uncoil the power cord fully.

Plug the power cord into the electrical outlet.

Switch on at the mains point.

Switch on your cleaner:

Slide the Mains ON/OFF switch on the cleaner handle ***down*** to switch the cleaner. **ON**.

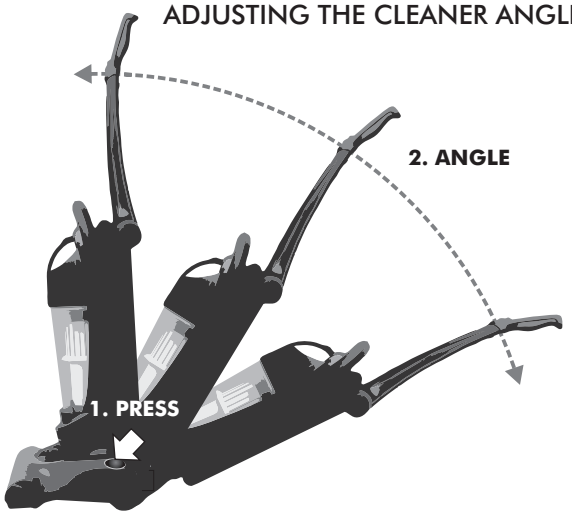
Set the cleaner height:

With your foot, depress the handle release pedal as shown

The cleaner can now be angled for normal operation and for low level cleaning.

To get the cleaner to lie flat, press the release pedal once, partially lower the handle and then depress the pedal again.

ADJUSTING THE CLEANER ANGLE



When you wish to move the cleaner or take a break:

Switch off. Return the cleaner to the upright position and ensure it locks in place. This raises the brush clear of the floor.

NEVER leave the cleaner in a lowered position and switched on as the brush could scratch the floor surface.

For convenience, you may hook the cable over the cable hook on the rear of the handle. This will help stop the cable snagging.

Using the accessories

Switch the cleaner **OFF** at the mains switch on the handle.

Place the cleaner fully in the upright position to lift the brush clear of the floor.

Set the Brush Control knob to ***Long Pile.***

Lift out the hose and free it from the retaining clip at the side of the cleaner.

If you wish to use the extension tubes and accessories, lift the tube assembly out and attach it to the hose.

Accessory Brush

The tool can be used in two ways:

As a dusting brush for furniture and small objects.

As an upholstery tool for soft furniture. It is an excellent tool for removing unwanted pet hair.

Do not use it on delicate fabrics that may snag or on polished wooden surfaces which may scratch.

Hold the brush as shown
Push the brush head out with your thumb
Remove the brush to use the upholstery tool.
Reverse the procedure to re-assemble the brush.

Extension Tubes

You can use the handle on its own, or in combination with one or both tubes.

Crevice Tool

Use the crevice tool for radiators, crevices, between cushions, joins in stair treads, etc. Store the crevice tool on the accessory brush holder when you are using the accessory brush,

The Turbo Brush

The turbo brush iis a smaller version of the rotating brush in your upright vacuum cleaner. It is designed to be used with an extension tube fitted to the hose. A powerful impeller action rotates the turbo brush at high speed and this gives a powerful cleaning action. It is ideal for deep cleaning small floor mats and for difficult carpeted areas where the normal vacuum cleaner cannot reach.

To fit the turbo brush: Switch the Vacuum cleaner OFF. Remove the brush from the cradle. Push the brush firmly on to the extension tube.

Using the Turbo Brush.

Place the brush on the surface to be cleaned and then switch the cleaner on. Keep your feet well behind the brush when vacuuming. After cleaning, switch off before lifting the brush off, removing it from the extension tube and replacing it in the cradle.

You can use the accessory attachments with the handle extended or folded down - this position is useful for cleaning stairs etc.

General Do's and Don'ts

Never attach or remove accessories when the vacuum cleaner is switched on.

Do NOT pull the vacuum cleaner around the room by the hose as it could tip over and cause damage.

Do NOT over extend the hose. Trying to reach beyond the hose length could cause the vacuum to tip over.

Do NOT pull or carry the cleaner by the cord, close a door on the cord, or pull the cord around sharp edges or corners.

Use the carry handle when lifting or moving the cleaner between different locations.

NEVER lift the cleaner with the upper handle only. It could release and cause injury.

Be especially careful on stairs.

If you are moving the cleaner a long way or up a flight of stairs, switch off, fold the upper handle down, wind the power cord and stow the hose and accessories.

When you have finished Vacuuming:

Set the cleaner fully upright.

Switch the cleaner off at the handle.

Unplug from the mains.

Set the cleats vertical and rewind the cord around the upper and lower cleats.

Re-assemble the hose and attachments if necessary.

Fold the upper handle down fully.

Empty the dust cup and clean the dust cup filters *(see Pages 7 & 8)*

Wipe the cleaner body with a damp cloth and dry thoroughly.

Store the cleaner safely out of the reach if children and pets.

Clearing a Blockage

If the cleaner loses suction and the dust in the dust cup is below the **MAX** mark, this may be due to clogged filters or a blockage. ***DO NOT operate the cleaner if the suction is impaired.***

If you suspect a blockage:

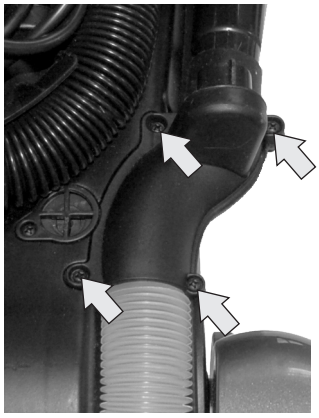
- Set the cleaner upright, switch off and unplug immediately. Empty the dust, check all the filters and clean them.

If this does not remove the blockage:

- Check the extension tubes and accessories visually and remove any blockage with a stick or broom handle.
- Invert the cleaner, inspect the brush area, and remove any obstruction from the bristles or the brush roller.

Inlet Tube Blockage

At the base of the cleaner there is a clear area of tube. Check this visually. If there is a blockage, undo the four screws, remove the cover plate and clear all debris. Replace the tube carefully in the duct, then replace the cover and fasten the screws tightly.

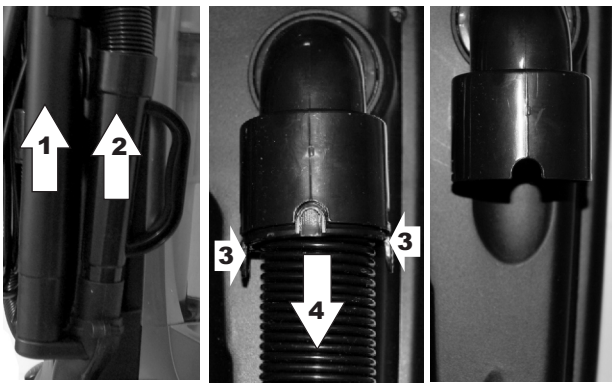


Cover Plate removed showing tube

Upper Hose Blockage

If the inlet tube is clear and there is still a blockage:

1. Lift out the extension tubes
2. Lift the hose handle out at the lower port
3. Press the two tabs at either side of the hose where it enters the upper inlet port of the cleaner.
4. Lift the hose out at the upper inlet port
5. Examine the tube and both ports and clear any blockage.
9. Now replace the hose and extension tubes.



IMPORTANT-Motor Thermostat

If the vacuum cleaner should overheat, the protective thermostat will automatically turn the unit off.
If this occurs: Switch off and unplug. Check and clear any blockage and clean/replace the filters.
Wait at least 45 minutes before attempting to reuse the cleaner. After the cleaner has cooled down plug in and switch on. The vacuum should now start.
If the vacuum does not start: contact the help line on 0845 601 2549.

Emptying the Dust Cup

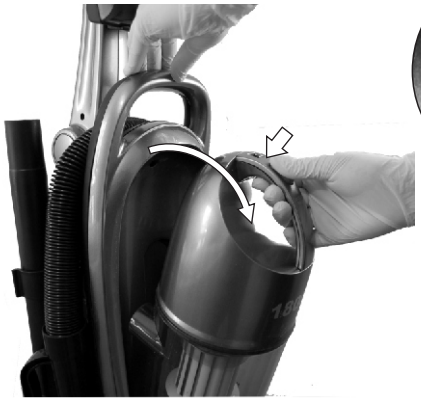
Set the cleaner upright, switch off and unplug.

Empty the dust cup regularly to maintain the efficient performance of the cleaner.

The maximum dirt level is marked on the Dust Cup.

You must empty the Dust Cup before the dirt reaches the MAX mark.

Failure to do this may impair the efficiency of the cleaner.



Hold the Dust up by the handle and press the dust cUp release catch down.

Hinge the cup out of its cradle.

Carefully remove the dust cup from the cleaner, keeping it vertical.

Invert the dust cup over a bin. Press the catch on the lid which will pop open. Shake and tap the dust cup lightly to remove as much dust as possible. Close the lid.

If you are still vacuuming, replace the cup.

When you have finished cleaning you must clean the two filters in the cup after emptying it. This is essential. Refer to the next page for details.

Cleaning and Replacing the Filters

It is essential to inspect clean the filters regularly. The period between inspections will depend on how often and for how long you use the cleaner. **The filter in the dust cup should be cleaned whenever you empty the dust.** The motor inlet and exhaust filters should be checked after every three cleaning sessions.

If the cleaner shows any sign of losing suction, switch off, check and clean the filters and if necessary, clear any blockage.

NEVER operate the cleaner with clogged filters, you could damage the cleaner motor.

Before you examine or clean the filters, Set the cleaner fully upright. Switch off and unplug from the mains.

Filter Locations

HEPA Filter
(Inside Dust Cup Lid)

The HEPA Filter stops nearly all dust particles and airborne allergens from re-entering the air you breathe.

Clean this filter every time you use the cleaner. Failure to do this will impair performance and may damage the cleaner motor.

You should also check and clean the debris screen regularly.

Debris Screen

Cleaning the Dust Cup Filters

Empty the Dust

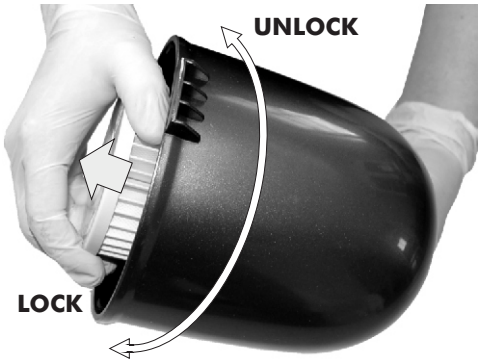
Open the base of the cup over a bin.

Shake out as much dust as possible.

HEPA Filter

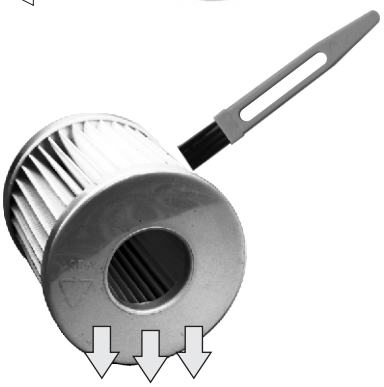
Rotate the cup lid to the right to the UNLOCK position and lift the lid off.

Rotate the filter to the left to unlock the filter from the cup lid. Remove the filter.



Hold the HEPA filter over a bin.

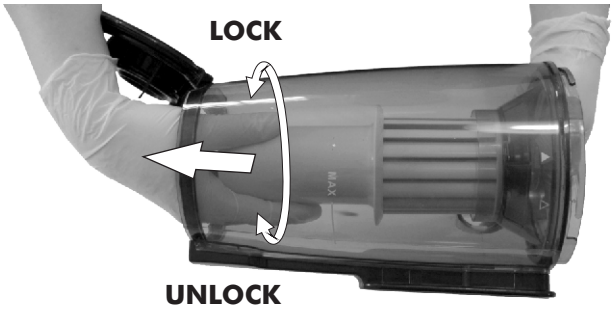
Tap the hard plastic underside of the filter on the edge of a bin to shake off any excess dust. Use the supplied cleaning brush to remove all traces of dust and debris from the pleats of the filter.



At least once a month or when you notice a decrease in suction, wash the HEPA filter by running it under the tap. Run the water on the dirty side until it runs clear. After washing allow the HEPA Filter to fully air dry. (This may take up to 24 hours.) Only when the filter is dry should you replace it in the Dust Cup.

The HEPA filter should be replaced at least every six months *(and ideally three)* to keep your cleaner in peak condition.

Debris Screen



Hold the dust cup firmly with one hand. Place your other hand inside the cup and take hold of the debris screen tube.

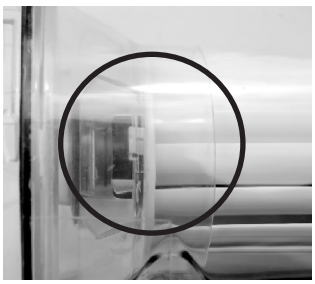
Rotate the debris screen firmly to the right to unlock it and then carefully withdraw the screen from the tube.

Rinse the debris screen under the tap in lukewarm water to remove any dust. The dust cup and dust cup cover can also be washed in lukewarm water.

Do not use strong detergents. DO *NOT place any part in a dishwasher. Allow all parts to fully dry.*

To replace the screen:

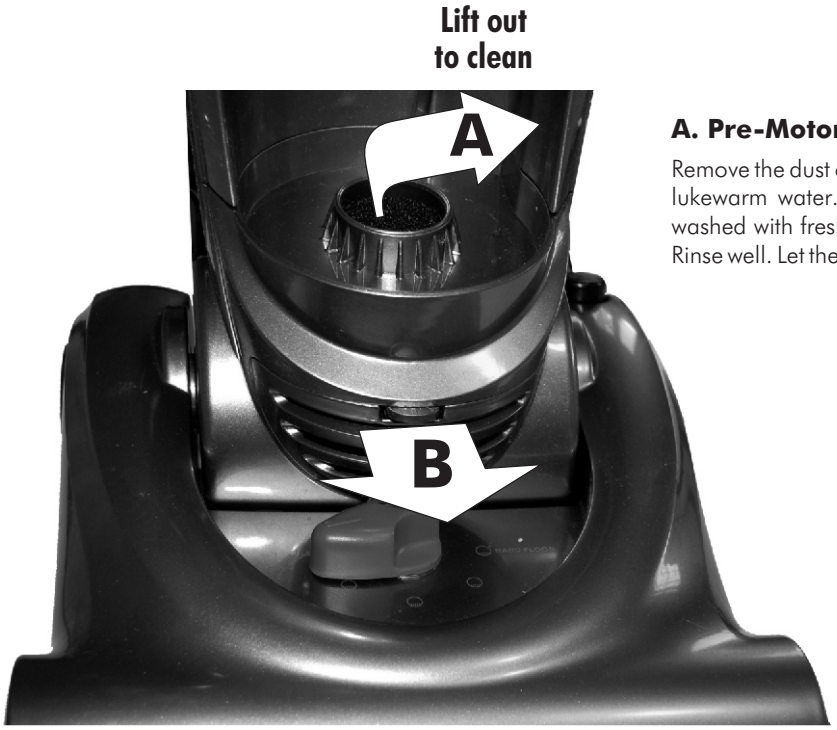
Thread the screen over the vanes in the black inner tube. Align the three lugs with the slots in the cup and turn fully anticlockwise to lock firmly.



Replace the dust cup cover on the dust cup and replace the assembled dust cup in the vacuum cleaner.

Cleaning Pre-Motor & Exhaust Filters

Check these filters whenever you remove the dust cup for emptying and clean them when necessary.



A. Pre-Motor Filter

Remove the dust cup. Lift the pre-motor filter insert out. Rinse in lukewarm water. A very soiled filter should be thoroughly washed with fresh tepid water. with a drop of mild detergent. Rinse well. Let the filter air dry for 24 hours before re-installing.

B. Exhaust Filter

Press down on the tab and lift the cover off.

Lift the filter insert out from the cover.

Rinse in lukewarm water. A very soiled filter should be thoroughly washed with fresh tepid water. with a drop of mild detergent. Rinse well. Let the filter air dry for 24 hours.

Now re-install the filter insert in the cover and replace the cover in the cleaner.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If at any time you notice that the brush speed is slow and/or there is a loss of suction, this may be caused by the brush getting clogged.

If this happens, switch the cleaner off and unplug it from the mains. Clean the brush area fully and remove all obstructions before continuing to use the cleaner.

Prompt action will maintain cleaner performance and avoid any potential problems of belt slippage.

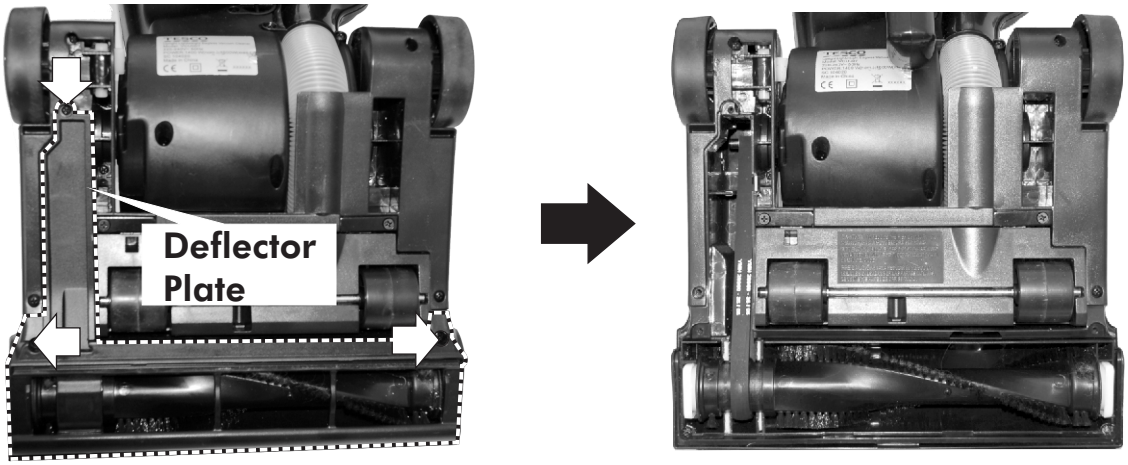
Changing the Brush Roller and Drive Belt

Sluggish speed and loss of suction may be caused by a worn or slack belt. If the cleaner does not pick up on carpets but is OK when using the attachments this indicates a worn brush roller. These components are user replaceable.

DO NOT replace these components yourself unless you are confident that you can carry out this procedure satisfactorily. ***Make sure the cleaner is switched off and unplugged from the mains before you start work. Protect the work surface if necessary.*** You need a No2 Phillips screwdriver, and a small flat bladed screwdriver to carry out this procedure.

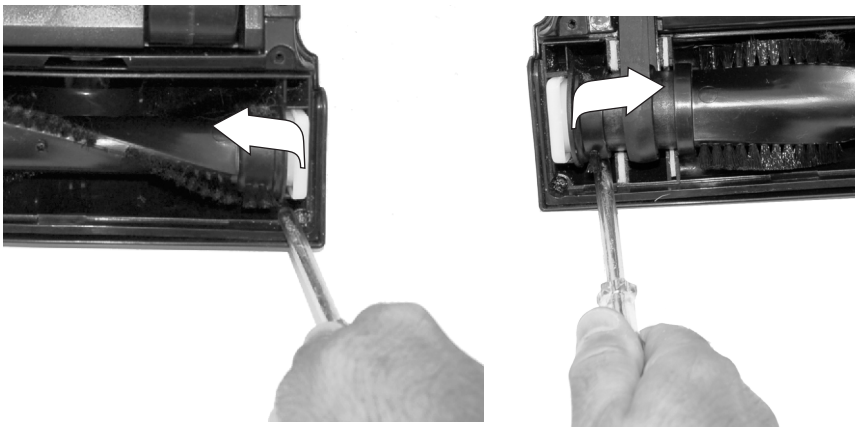
Stage 1. Remove the Deflector Plate

Press the handle release twice to release the handle and lay it flat on the floor. Turn the cleaner over.
With a Phillips No. 2 screw driver remove the 3 screws on the plate as identified by the arrows.
Remove the deflector plate and lay it aside.



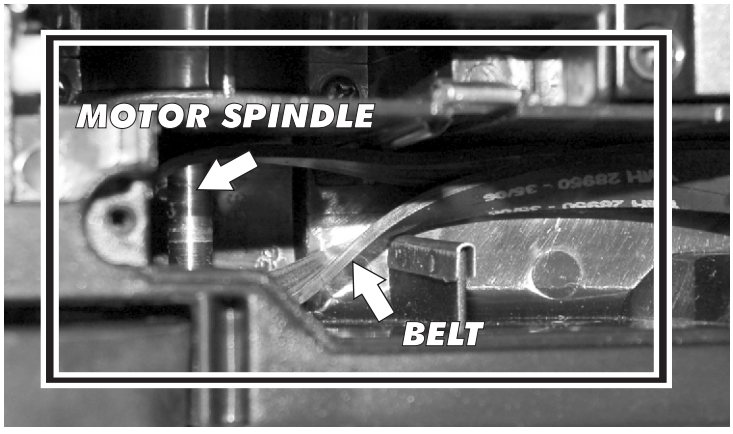
Stage 2. Remove the Brush

With a small flat bladed screwdriver, ease the Right end of the brush partially out of its bearings.
Repeat for the Left edge.
Now lift out the brush with both hands. Be careful as the belt is still under tension. Pull out the brush from the belt.

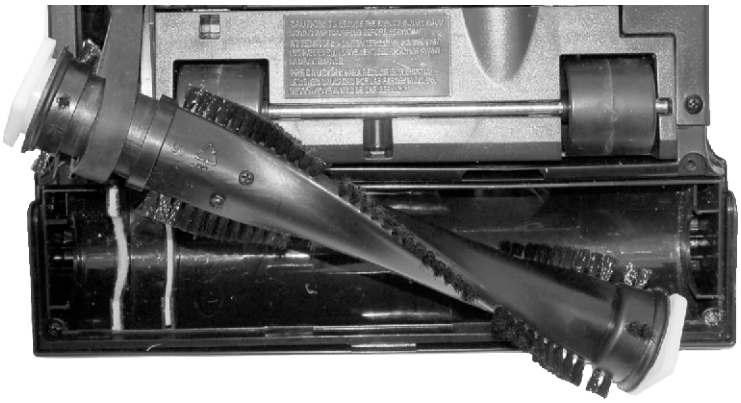


Stage 3. Slide the Belt off the Motor

Slide the belt off the motor spindle.
If you are not replacing the belt, clean it carefully with a dry cloth to remove any residue.
When you are removing or replacing the belt, twist the belt on its side and slide the edge of the belt around the end of the spindle.



Stage 4. Replace the belt



Manoeuvre the belt over the spindle, straighten it out and lay the belt flat on the spindle.

Thread the brush through the belt.

Position the belt over the convex section of the brush . Make sure the belt is not twisted

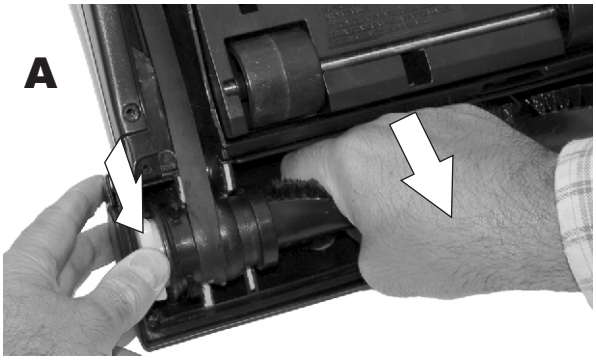
Stage 5. Replace the Brush

A. Hold the brush in both hands. Pull the brush towards you and partially insert the left hand side bearing of the brush into its socket with your thumb. *(This will place the belt under tension, so you may have to use moderate pulling force.)*

B. Slide your free hand to the right. Position the right hand side bearing of the brush over its socket.

C. Press the Right hand bearing partially into the socket

D. Finally press both sides of the brush fully home.



Stage 5. Re-assembly

Rotate the brush by hand to ensure that the mechanism moves freely and that the belt does not foul the guides and is central on the motor spindle.

Now replace the deflection plate *- see Stage 1 for details*.

Before using the cleaner, switch it on and confirm that the brush rotates freely and that the brush height mechanism operates properly.

OPERATING CAUTIONS

- **NEVER** operate the cleaner with damaged filters or with a filter missing
- Use approved filters and regularly clean and replace them.
- Wind the cord around the cleats after use.

If an obstruction occurs during cleaning: Turn the cleaner OFF and unplug. Check the dust level. Empty the dust cup. Check the hose and the tubes for blockage and clear these manually following the instructions on Page 6.

If the vacuum cleaner should overheat, the protective thermostat will automatically turn the unit off.
If this occurs: Switch off and unplug. Check and clear any blockage and clean/replace the filters.
Wait at least 45 minutes before attempting to reuse the cleaner. After the cleaner has cooled down plug in and switch on. The vacuum should now start.

After Use

Set the cleaner fully upright.

Switch the cleaner off at the handle.

Unplug from the mains.

Set the cleats vertical and rewind the cord around the upper and lower cleats.

Re-assemble the hose and attachments if necessary.

Fold the upper handle down fully.

Empty the dust cup and clean the dust cup filters *(see Pages 7 & 8)*

Wipe the cleaner body with a damp cloth and dry thoroughly.

Store the cleaner safely out of the reach if children and pets.

Cleaning and storage

- The plastic outer body shell and the exterior surfaces of the attachments may be cleaned with a barely damp cloth and then dried thoroughly.
- Do NOT allow water or liquids to penetrate the vacuum cleaner. This could be dangerous.
- Detach all accessories and store the appliance away from direct sunlight, and out of the reach of children.

Warranty

This appliance is intended only for household use. It must be properly installed and operated in accordance with these instructions. Failure to do this will invalidate the warranty.

Your appliance is covered by a warranty for 12 months from the date of purchase. If a fault develops during this period, please return the unit to your nearest Tesco store together with the original receipt as proof of purchase. This warranty in no way affects your consumer rights

UK: Waste electrical products should not be disposed of with household waste. Separate disposal facilities exist, for your nearest facilities see www.recycle-more.co.uk or in-store for details.

ROI: Produced after 13th August 2005. Waste electrical products should not be disposed of with household waste. Please recycle where facilities exist. Check with your Local Authority or retailer for recycling advice.

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